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In re Patent Application of)
Robert JANIN et al) Group Art Unit: 1626
Application No.: 09/961,347) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: September 25, 2001)
For: SYNTHESIS OF FLUOROCARBON)
COMPOUNDS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please first amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-20, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add new Claims 21-40, as follows:

- 21. (new) A process for the synthesis of a fluorocarbon compound, comprising reacting:
- a hydrocarbyl compound containing an sp^3 -hybridized halophoric carbon atom bearing at least two halogen atom substituents, at least one halogen atom having an atomic number greater than that of fluorine and said halophoric carbon atom being bonded to at least one chalcogen; with
- a peroxide compound or a halogen reactant.